

1 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Mudd.

2 DELEGATE MUDD: May I yield two minutes to
3 Delegate Schneider, Chairman of our Subcommittee?

4 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Schneider.

5 DELEGATE SCHNEIDER: Mr. Chairman, ladies and
6 gentlemen, the Committee on the Judiciary studied the
7 problems of sheriff very closely, and we came to the con-
8 clusion that since it is not a uniform office, since it
9 is different in Prince Georges from what Baltimore County
10 has, which is different yet from what Baltimore City has,
11 and yet different from Montgomery and altogether different
12 from Harford County, that it is not a uniform office, and
13 not being uniform, it should not be mandated in the Con-
14 stitution.

15 Now, the Minority Report calls for a "may"
16 provision, permissive provision in the Constitution.

17 I submit the constitutional silence will be per-
18 missive. It will allow the office of sheriff if the
19 General Assembly so feels fit to put in the Constitution
20 the word "may". To put "sheriff" in is to put in a lot of
21 words and keep the sheriff's name before the Constitution
but nothing else.